

Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Conference Summary



Overview

The 2011 Legislature has proposed a Transportation and Economic Development budget totaling \$10.6 billion, which represents a 6.1 percent increase in total funding over the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Additionally, the budget requires \$348 million in trust fund transfers. This largely comes from two sources: \$189.5 million from the State Housing and Local Government Housing trust funds, and \$150 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund.

Key Issues

- No reductions were made to the Department of Military Affairs.
- There will be no loss of sworn law enforcement officers in the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and the budget provides \$5 million for FHP's aging fleet of patrol vehicles.
- The budget provides \$15 million for Armory needs.
- The budget consolidates two divisions in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and transitions driver license issuance services to tax collector's offices rather than local Division of Motor Vehicle offices. This is projected to save approximately \$6.5 million over the next few years.
- The budget transfers Motor Carrier Compliance from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, generating an initial \$1.3 million of savings in state expenditures.
- Economic Development programs are funded at \$125.3 million.
- The budget fully funds School Readiness at \$616.8 million.
- No funding was provided for Affordable Housing programs.
- The budget provides an additional \$21.3 million for State Aid to Libraries, as well as additional funding for both cultural and historic preservation grant programs. Cultural and Museum Grants received an increase in funding of \$1.15 million for a total budget of \$2.15 million, and Historic Preservation Grants received \$1.1 million.
- This budget fully funds the Transportation Work Program at \$6.8 billion. This level of funding provides sufficient authority for the Port of Miami Dredging Project.

Breakdown

Agency for Workforce Innovation

- \$1.51 billion budget, which is a decrease of \$55 million (3.5 percent) under the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Community Affairs

- \$522.4 million budget, which is a decrease of \$218.8 million (29.5 percent) under the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation

- Eliminates funding for Affordable Housing Programs.
- Projected revenues of \$189.5 million to State Housing and Local Government Housing Trust Funds are transferred out.

Office of Tourism, Trade, & Economic Development

- \$125.3 million budget, which is a decrease of \$94.9 million (43.1 percent) under the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

- \$410.1 million budget, which is an increase of \$18.8 million (4.8 percent) over the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Military Affairs

- \$81.6 million budget, which is an increase of \$21.9 million (36.6 percent) over the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of State

- \$82.2 million budget, which is a decrease of \$5.2 million (5.9 percent) under the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Transportation

- \$7.9 billion budget, which is an increase of \$979.1 million (14.1 percent) over the 2010-2011 fiscal year appropriation.